

**EDUCATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**REAL ESTATE COMMISSION**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Lieutenant Governor's Office as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Kapuaiwa Room  
HRH Princess Victoria Kamamalu Building  
1010 Richards Street, Second Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Charles Aki, Chair  
Patricia Choi, Vice Chair  
Alfredo Evangelista, Member  
Mitchell Imanaka, Member  
John Ohama, Member  
Iris Okawa, Member  
Peter Rice, Member  
  
Calvin Kimura, Supervising Executive Officer  
Pamela Garrison, Senior Real Estate Specialist  
Russell Wong, Real Estate Specialist  
Naomi Cole, Real Estate Specialist  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General  
Marsha Shimizu, Hawaii Association of REALTORS®  
Karyn Takahashi, Recording Secretary

Excused: Michael Ching, Member  
Casey Choi, Member

Call to Order: Chair Aki called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

ERC Chair Report: Chair Aki stated that Commissioners Ching and C. Choi are excused from attending today's meeting.

Real Estate Specialist's Report: **Minutes of Meetings**  
  
Upon a motion by Commissioner Imanaka, seconded by Commissioner Evangelista, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2000, Education Review Committee meeting.

Continuing Education: **Administrative Issues – Letter from Jon Hudson**

Specialist Wong reported that Mr. Jon Hudson submitted a letter of complaint regarding the continuing education roster software that providers use to enter and report information about their students.

Specialist Wong stated that this program was developed about 10 years ago, at the time when continuing education was implemented. The program was designed for a wide spectrum of individuals, encompassing the computer literate, as well as those with no computer skills. Specialist Wong also added that a number of providers have created their own elaborate systems to work in conjunction with our program. Some providers also use programs such as Excel and Microsoft Access.

Specialist Wong stated that changing the program is not as simple as Mr. Hudson makes it out to be. There are two aspects to consider: 1) the providers inputting of the information; and 2) the staff's downloading and verification of the information received from the providers.

Chair Aki inquired if there may be changes in the future. Specialist Wong replied that changes/upgrades will probably have to be made, but that changes would require significant time spent to create a new program. Specialist Wong added that he has spoken with Mr. Hudson on several occasions and does not know why it takes him such a long time to input information into the program.

Commissioner Rice asked what type of program it is. Specialist Wong replied that it is a Dbase IV program, which is compatible with any database program.

Commissioner Evangelista asked if Mr. Hudson ever swore at him during Specialist Wong's conversations with Mr. Hudson. Specialist Wong replied no, but he may have sworn at one of the clerks on the staff.

SEO Kimura stated that Mr. Hudson has a long history with the staff. He has been invited to attend this meeting as well as other meetings. SEO Kimura added that he has been sent warning letters in the past regarding his use of profanity in speaking with staff.

#### **Administrative Issues – Continuing Education Statistics**

Specialist Wong reported that 3,118 licensees have completed their ten-hour continuing education requirement. He stated that this is slightly better than this time two years ago.

Educator's Forum: **Hawaii Association of REALTORS®** – no discussion presented.

**Hawaii Chapter of Real Estate Educators Association** – no discussion presented.

**Hawaii Association of Real Estate Schools (HARES)** – no discussion presented.

**Public and Private Institutions of Higher Education** – no discussion presented.

Program of Work  
FY00:

#### **Interactive Participation with Organizations – HAR Outreach 2000 Report**

Senior Specialist Garrison reported on the Hawaii Association of REALTORS® Outreach 2000 programs that were held on July 14, 2000 – Maui, July 21 – Oahu, July 25 – Kauai, and July 28 – Kona.

Senior Specialist Garrison reported that the Outreach 2000 program for each island included: a legislative update session, a standard forms update session, a lunch buffet with a tradeshow, and a three-hour continuing education course. The course, "Risk Reduction: Protect Yourself and Your Client," included a skit to dramatize a real estate transaction. The skit was used to introduce discussion topics regarding risk reduction.

#### **Division and Department Programs – Licensing Statistics (July 2000)**

Licensing statistics for July 2000 were distributed to the Commissioners for their information. Specialist Wong reported that as of July of this year, there are 14,500 licensees. He added that the largest increases have been on the neighbor islands, rather than on Oahu.

ARELLO, REEA  
and Other  
Organizations:

#### **REEA Generally Accepted Principles of Education**

A copy of the outline of generally accepted principles of education, adopted by the Real Estate Educators Association and printed in the July 2000 issue of *REEAction*, was distributed to the Commissioners for their information. SEO Kimura stated that REEA has adopted these principles and recommends that all instructors meet this criteria.

SEO Kimura also added that the Commission may want to consider printing REEA's adopted principles in either the *Bulletin* or *School Files*, or both.

#### **Maine Real Estate Commission Core Course**

A copy of an article regarding the Maine Real Estate Commission's core course 2000 requirement, printed in the Spring 2000 issue of the *Maine Real Estate News*, was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

SEO Kimura noted that Maine has two versions of its core course, one for brokers and associate brokers, and the other for designated brokers (principal brokers).

#### **Texas Real Estate Commission Class Attendance Rules**

A copy of an article regarding the Texas Real Estate Commission's education rules requirement of 100% attendance, printed in the June 2000 issue of *TRECAvisor*, was distributed to the Commissioners for their information. SEO Kimura stated that this article outlines the Texas Real Estate Commission's standards regarding attendance for both continuing education and prelicense courses.

#### **ARELLO Certified Courses**

A copy of a list of ARELLO certified courses, which appeared in the ARELLO *Outlook [Boundaries]* newsletter, was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

Budget and  
Finance Report:

**Real Estate Education Fund (June 2000)**

Chair Aki inquired what the Commission's function was as it pertains to the Real Estate Education Fund. Specialist Wong replied that the Commission is the trustee for the fund. SEO Kimura added that the Real Estate Education Fund, as well as the Condominium Education Fund, are operating funds.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Ohama, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the June 2000 Real Estate Education Fund Report.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 11, 2000  
10:00 a.m.  
Kapuaiwa Room  
HRH Princess Victoria Kamamalu Building  
1010 Richards Street, Second Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chair Aki adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Pamela T. Garrison  
Senior Real Estate Specialist

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